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**PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF
TIME AND FEE**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated August 24, 2006. Enclosed is Charge Authorization Form PTO-2038 for the amount of \$1,240.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time (\$450.00) and the fee for the Request for Continued Examination (\$790.00). If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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